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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3704

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OSCI, TS

SUBJECT: DHEW/PHS/FDA/SFCP - PROJECT 07-615-4 "ZINC  
NUTRITION OF TUNISIANS"

REF: STATE A-9236, NOV 8, 1973

1. SUBJECT PROJECT STILL NOT SIGNED. REPS OF  
MINISTRIES OF PLAN, FINANCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS MET WITH  
DR. KALLAL AND EMBOFF NOV 10 TO IRONOUT DIFFERENCES  
BETWEEN VARIOUS MINISTRIES. AGREEMENT FINALLY REACHED  
WITHIN GOT WHICH SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED LANGUAGE IN  
CERTAIN PORTIONS OF PROJECT. CHANGES NOT IN SCIENTIFIC  
PORTIONS OF PROJECT AGREEMENT (WHICH ONLY MINHEALTH REALLY  
UNDERSTANDS) BUT RATHER IN STANDARED ADMINISTRATIVE AND  
PROCEDURAL PORTIONS. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT WHOLESale  
CHANGES BEING PROPOSED BY GOT WOULD NECESSITATE RESUBMISSION  
OR PROJECT TO WASHINGTON FOR APPROVAL. EMBOFF ABLE TO  
DISSUADE TUNISIANS ON SEVERAL CHANGES HE THOUGHT WOULD  
BE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO WASHINGTON, BUT THERE ARE  
STILL SEVERAL LEFT THAT COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS.

2. EMBASSY POUCHING COPY OF REVISED PROJECT AGREEMENT  
NOV 16. SUGGEST DR. MAY DELAY HIS DEPARTURE FOR  
TUNIS IN ORDER ASSIST WASHINGTON AGENCIES IN REVIEWING  
REVISED TEXT.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST TIME GOT HAS GIVEN SFC PROJECT  
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SUCH CAREFUL ATTENTION. PROJECT SUBMITTED TO GOT

DECEMBER 1972 AND EMBASSY EXPECTED FAIRLY RAPID APPROVAL  
SINCE SUMS SMALL AND PROJECT RELATED TO ONGOING GENERAL  
NUTRITION PROJECT. HOWEVER, APPROVAL OF PROJECT HAS  
BEEN PLAGUED BY REPEATED DELAYS. AS WASHINGTON AWARE,  
EMBASSY WAS ASSURED AS EARLY AS LAST SPRING THAT THERE WERE  
NO PROBLEMS AND PROJECT WOULD BE SIGNED "SHORTLY".  
THIS REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES, LATEST EXAMPLE BEING  
SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORTED TUNIS 5214. WE FEEL  
ATTENTION BEING GIVEN THIS PROJECT REFLECTS INCREASED  
GOT CONCERN OVER USE OF LOCAL CURRENCY FUNDS AND DESIRE  
TO EXERT GREATER CONTROL OVER THIER UTILIZATION TO INSURE  
BENEFIT FOR TUNISIA, AS WELL AS U.S. RESEARCHERS. IT  
LIKELY THAT FUTURE PROJECTES WILL RECEIVED SIMILAR TREATMENT  
AND SOME MAY BE SUBSTANTIALLY AMENDED OR EVEN TURNED DOWN  
BECAUSE THEY DO NOT MEET GOT REQUIREMENTS.  
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